



# Saguaro National Park (East)

## Naturalist Program Schedule

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Programs meet at the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center, 3693 S. Old Spanish Trail. Program schedules are subject to change. Call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 for updates or to make *RESERVATIONS*.  
*Programs marked with an \* are wheelchair accessible.*

### December 6 – December 12, 2010

#### Monday, December 6

**11:00 a.m. Desert Adaptations\***

Join a park naturalist on this 30-minute garden walk to learn how plants have unique ways of adapting to their desert environment.

#### Tuesday, December 7

**9:00 a.m. Desert Morning Hike**

Join a park naturalist for this 3-hour, 4-mile exploration of Saguaro National Park. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.

**10:00 a.m. Sonoran Lifestyles**

Join a park naturalist on this 2-hour, 1-mile walk to discover how plants and animals adapt to life in the desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

**11:00 a.m. Natural History Table\***

Join a park naturalist on the visitor center patio to have your questions answered about the natural history of the Sonoran Desert. This is an on-going, 30-minute program.

**2:30 p.m. Reptiles and Amphibians of the Sonoran Desert\***

Join park naturalist Bob Brandner for this 30-minute presentation to discover the fascinating world of reptiles and amphibians.

#### Wednesday, December 8

**9:00 a.m. Desert Morning Hike**

Join a park naturalist for this 3-hour, 4-mile exploration of Saguaro National Park. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.

**3:00 p.m. People and Places of Saguaro's Past\***

Join Park Ranger Arlo Ogden in the Visitor Center auditorium for this photo tour of the park's historic past, focusing on the stories told by its historic structures.

#### Thursday, December 9

**2:00 p.m. Wildlife Detective\***

Join a park naturalist on the visitor center patio to learn how you too can become a wildlife detective by knowing what signs to look for.

**7:00 p.m. Star Party\***

Join park naturalists for an introduction to astronomy and a look at the desert night sky. Telescopes and binoculars will be available. *Advance reservations are required and can be made by calling: 520-733-513.*

### **Friday, December 10**

#### **8:00 a.m. Desert Bird Walk**

Join volunteer naturalists Vicki Powers and Ralph Terry for an easy 2-hour walk in search of desert birds. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

#### **10:00 a.m. Sonoran Lifestyles**

Join a park naturalist on this 2-hour, 1-mile walk to discover how plants and animals adapt to life in the desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

#### **11:00 a.m. Desert Adaptations\***

Join a park naturalist on this 30-minute garden walk to learn how plants have unique ways of adapting to their desert environment

### **Saturday, December 11**

#### **10:00 Desert Discovery**

Join park naturalists on this two-hour, 2-mile walk to discover the secrets of the Sonoran Desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

#### **11:00 a.m. Saguaro National Park: A Common Heritage**

This 20-minute video explores the history and heritage of those who settled the Tanque Verde and Rincon Valleys.

#### **3:00 p.m. Yesterday, Today ..and Saguaro?\***

What will the world's changing climate mean for the National Parks? Will our children find glaciers in Glacier, coral reefs in Hawaii, Joshua trees in Joshua Tree? And what does a warmer, drier Arizona future hold for our signature Giant Saguaro? Ranger Jeff Wallner will pose these questions that only your future decisions can answer. Meet at the visitor center for this 45-minute auditorium presentation.

### **Sunday, December 12**

#### **2:00 p.m. All In the (Plant) Family\***

Everyone knows a cactus when they see one, right? Maybe not! Come along on this 30-minute garden walk to find out what makes our 2 families of spiny, succulent plants very different from each other.

#### **3:00 p.m. Back from the Brink\***

What do you mean there were grizzly bears in Arizona? Join a park ranger in the visitor center auditorium to explore the natural history of the grizzly (and 2 other top predators) that once roamed in what is now Saguaro National Park. We will take a look at their past, present and future status in the American Southwest.